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SUBJECT: SSOD GENERAL DEBATE MAY 30: STATEMENTS BY
REPRESENTATIVES OF CONGO, MONGOLIA AND LIBYA

1. NICOLAS OKONGO, MEMBER OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE,
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CONGO LABOR PARTY, BEGAN THE DAY'S
ADDRESSES WITH A COLLECTION OF MARXIST THEORY, ANTI-WAR
GENERALITIES AND PERSONAL REMINISCENCES. HE CALLED FOR
KEEPING AFRICA FREE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THE SIMULTAN-
EOUS RENUNCIATION OF NUCLEAR ARMS, INCLUDING THE NEUTRON
BOMB. OKONGO ADVOCATED TREATING DISARMAMENT AS A TOPIC
FOR ALL STATES, NOT THE EXCLUSIVE PRESERVE OF THE GREAT
POWERS. SINCE SOUTH AFRICA OPPOSES CREATION OF AN AFRICAN
NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE, SOUTH AFRICA MUST DIVEST ITSELF OF
ITS NUCLEAR POTENTIAL. OKONGO SUPPORTED CREATION OF AN
INDIAN OCEAN NUCLEAR FREE ZONE AND ATTACKED THE DEVELOP-
MENT OF THE NEUTRON BOMB. HE POINTED OUT THAT CONVENTION-
AL DISARMAMENT REQUIRES NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT FIRST.

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2. MONGOLIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DUGERSUREN'S MILD PRESEN-
TATION MIRRORED THE PROPOSALS OF THE USSR. HE CAST THE
DISARMAMENT SCENE AS A DIVERGENCE BETWEEN SOCIALIST AND
OTHER PEACE-LOVING STATES, AND IMPERIALISTS. DUGERSUREN
DID NOT CRITICIZE THE PRC.

3. LIBYAN REP KIKHIA NOTED THAT DESPITE SOME PROGRESS TOWARD DISARMAMENT, THE FORCES OF OPPRESSION BLOCK SUCCESS; COLONIALISTS AND IMPERIALISTS SUPPORT RACIST REGIMES AND SPUR THE ARMS RACE. HE CALLED FOR AN SSOD DECLARATION THAT IS COMPREHENSIVE AND REALISTIC, NOT MERELY REFLECTING THE WISHES OF CERTAIN "VESTED INTERESTS." PRIORITY FOR THE PROGRAM OF ACTION SHOULD BE ELIMINATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, CHEMICAL AND INCENDIARY DEVICES. KIKHIA NOTED SALT HAS NOT PRODUCED RESULTS YET, DESPITE STATEMENTS BY US AND SOVIET LEADERS. HIS MAIN CRITICISM WAS THAT THE TALKS ARE HELD IN SECRET, FOCUSING ON THE QUANTITY OF ARMS, NOT THE QUALITY OR SOPHISTICATION OF WEAPONS. THOSE WHO ADVOCATE HUMAN RIGHTS MUST SEE THE VIOLATIONS INHERENT IN THE NEUTRON BOMB AND VAST STOCK-PILES OF ARMS. AMERICAN ARMS HAVE BEEN USED AGAINST THE ARAB PEOPLE: THE USG KNEW AND AGREED TO ISRAEL'S USE OF CLUSTER BOMBS, WHILE ADVOCATING HUMAN RIGHTS. KIKHIA STRONGLY ASSERTED THE RIGHT OF SMALL STATES TO DEFEND THEMSELVES. HE BLAMED IMPERIALISTS FOR SEEKING TO RE-KINDLE A SCRAMBLE FOR POLITICAL INFLUENCE IN AFRICA. KIKHIA CALLED FOR A FIXED TIMETABLE FOR REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS. IN AN EXTEMPORANEOUS CONCLUDING PASSAGE HE STATED THE PEOPLES OF THE THIRD WORLD HAVE TO BUILD BRIDGES OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE INDUSTRIALIZED WORLD; THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS MAKE WEAPONS AND THE PROSPERITY OF THEIR WORKERS DEPENDS ON THE MANUFACTURE

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AND TRADE OF ARMS. THE THIRD WORLD AS BUYERS CAN RESOLVE TO DISARM AND TURN TO PURCHASING THE IMPLEMENTS OF DEVELOPMENT FROM THE INDUSTRIALIZED STATES, RATHER THAN WEAPONS. THIS WOULD BE A WAY THAT DISARMAMENT COULD PREVENT HARM TO CAPITALIST COUNTRIES.

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